40.(New) The method of claim 35 wherein at least 16 wedge-shaped dies are provided.

41.(New) The method of claim 35 wherein the cross-section of the stent is reduced.

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Drawings:

Please enter proposed amended Fig. 1.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended on page 1 to recite that this application is a Continuation application from Application No. 09/401,218 filed September 22, 1999, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference. The paragraph beginning on page 8, line 16 of the specification has been amended to correct a clerical error in the spelling of the word 'with'.

Claims 1-26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Some of the claims have already been prosecuted in the parent application. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 1-26 in an application claiming priority from this application or from the parent application. New claims 27-41 have been added.

Finally, figure 1 has been amended by labeling it as prior art.

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In the Specification

On page 1 of the application, please insert a new heading after the Title, --Cross-Reference to Related Applications-- and insert as text on the next line thereafter as follows:

--This application is a Continuation application from Application No. 09/401,218 filed September 22, 1999, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

The paragraph beginning on page 8, line 16 of the specification has been amended as follows:

Actuation device 138 includes a rotatable actuation plate 142 which is co-axial with reference circle 114. Rotatable actuation plate includes cam slots 146 which are not concentric [wtih] with the axis of rotation, arcing inward. Each connecting link 130 is engaged to actuation plate 146 via a cam follower bearing 150 disposed in slot 146 and attached to both angled end 134 of connecting link 130 and to a linear slide 154. Linear slide 154 is mounted on a non-rotating plate similar to that shown in Figure 8. Linear slide 154 is constructed and arranged to slide along a radial line 158 on which radial point 122 of blade 106 lies.

In the Claims

Claims 1-26 have been canceled and new claims 27-41 have been added.

PRIOR ART

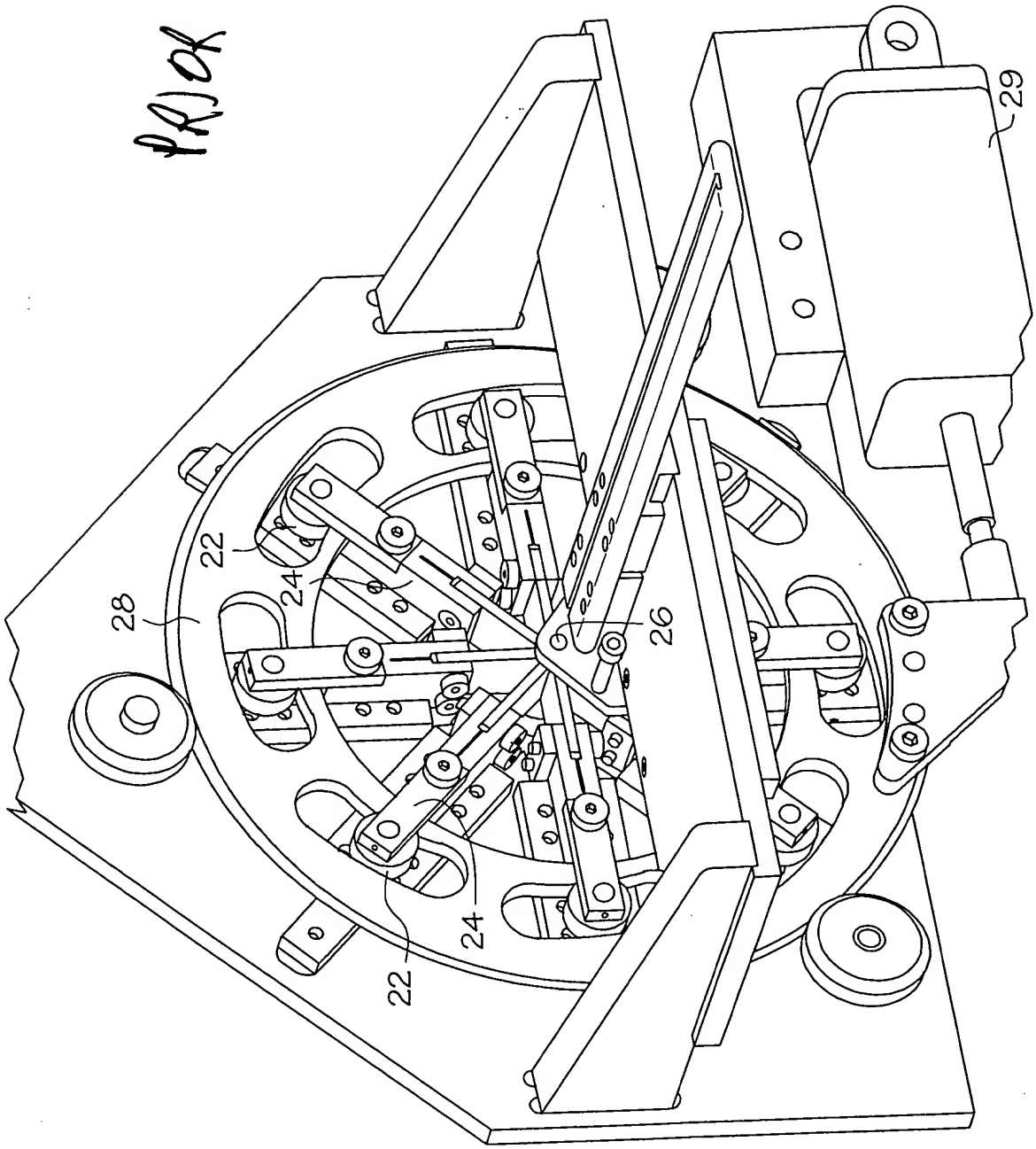

FIG. 1